(c) The Government has introduced the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2002 with a view to mandating an addressable system for pay channel viewing, through cable networks. The system, when mandated, will allow the consumer to choose and pay for the channel(s) he wishes to watch.

Sale of Adult Materials/Movies in Palika Bazar

549. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that are many vendors in Palika Bazar, New Delhi selling adult materials/movies;

(b) if so, the number of raids conducted since the past three years by Government;

(c) the details of products confiscated or seized during the raids in Palika Bazar;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is no secrecy and these vendors come to know of such raids before hand enabling them to hide their materials/movies; and

(e) whether her Ministry intend to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) According to the information obtained from the Crime Branch, New Delhi, there are several vendors/shops in Palika Bazar, which sell Hindi/English movie CDs. Some of them also sell pirated/adult movie CDs.

(b) According to the Police Authorities, the number of raids conducted year-wise by Intellectual Property Rights Section of the Economic Offences Wing in Palika Bazar are as follows:

Year	No. of Raids
1999	04
2000	03
2001	04
2002	05 (upto 15.11.02)

(c) During the raids pirated CDs including V.C.Ds, video cassettes and pornographic DDs of films were recovered.

(d) Utmost secrecy is stated to be maintained by the police authorities during the raid.

(e) Video piracy etc. is dealt with under the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957. The responsibility for enforcing the Act rests with the police authorities of the State Government/Union Territory administrations. Copyright enforcement cells have been set up in most of the States/ Union Territory administrations headed by a senior police officer to deal with such matters. In the Ministry of I & B, a Committee for Development of the Entertainment Sector, set up as a result of the deliberations of the 24th State Information Ministers' Conference (SIMCON) has also recommended formulation of appropriate training modules for police authorities to train them for anti-piracy work. The Indian Institute of Mass Communication has been entrusted with this task.

Closure of DD/AIR Civil Construction and Maintenance Wing of Bhopal

550. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati Vide their order No: A-33023/1/2002-CW-1 dated 9th July, 2002 have proposed to close down the Doordarshan and Akashvani Civil Construction and Maintenance Wing functioning at Bhopal;

(b) if so, the agencies behind the closure and the reasons therefore;

(c) the number and details of such wings functioning in other States; and

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw the order, if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati had decided to close the Bhopal Civil Division of the Civil Construction Wing in July 2002. The orders have since been withdrawn by Prasar Bharati.